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SUMMARY. THERE FOLLOWS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE APRIL 12
POST MEETING DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERIM AGREEMENT/ PERMANENT AGREEMENT RELATIONSHIP:

SHCHUKIN (TO NITZE, A-223) SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT POSSIBLE
TO PERSUADE HIS TOP PEOPLE TO MAKE LARGE CHANGES IN THE IA
IN A PERIOD AS SHORT AS ONE YEAR FROM ITS SIGNING. ON THE
OTHER HAND, THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE IA WAS ONLY FOUR
YEARS; THE SIDES SHOULD DO ALL THEY COULD TO MAKE PROGRESS
YEAR BY YEAR.

2. GRINEVSKY (TO KLOSSON, A-224) SAID THAT " THE SAME CON-
SIDERATIONS THAT HAD GONE INTO THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF
LIMITATIONS FOR THE IA WOULD STILL HOLD FOR THE PERMANENT
AGREEMENT."

3. FOCUS ON " PARTICULAR" PROBLEMS: TRUSOV (TO ROWNY, A-221)
ASKED WHETHER U. S. SIDE PLACING A PRECONDITION ON THE
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DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS OTHER THAN THE THREE CENTRAL SYSTEMS. WHEN ROWNY REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO TRUSOV' S QUESTION, BELETSKIY SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE SIDES COULD NOT FOCUS ON PARTICULAR PROBLEMS AND THEN PROCEED TO MORE GENERAL ONES. HE SAID IT WOULD FACILITATE PROGRESS IF THE SIDES WORKED OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS ON WHICH THEY HAD SIMILAR APPROACHES OR CLOSE POSITIONS.

4. NON- CENTRAL SYSTEMS AND STRATEGIC STABILITY: GRAYBEAL, IN NOTING THAT U. S. MIRV' S DO NOT POSE A DETERRENT FORCE THREAT TO SOVIET ICBMS, POINTED OUT THAT STRATEGIC STABILITY DEPENDED UPON BOTH THE SURVIVABILITY AND PENETRATION CAPABILITY OF CENTRAL STRATEGIC SYSTEMS. PLESHAKOV STATED THE GRAYBEAL' S APPROACH DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE FACTORS AFFECTING STRATEGIC STABILITY. PLESHAKOV SAID THAT WHAT THE U. S. CALLED " NON- CENTRAL SYSTEMS" MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS LIGHT AND " THERE WAS NOT STRATEGIC STABILITY AT THE PRESENT TIME BECAUSE OF FBS."

5. SCC: IN DISCUSSING SCC, FITZGERALD ASKED WHETHER USTINOV (A-219) WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE DECEMBER 15 U. S. STATEMENT ON GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR DISMANTLING, DESTRUCTION, AND REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES. USTINOV SAID HE HAD STUDIED THE GUIDELINES AND WAS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THEM ANYTIME. HE SAID THAT, NATURALLY, SOVIET SIDE HAD ITS OWN VIEWS ON GUIDELINES FOR THESE QUESTIONS. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THESE VIEWS WERE SUBSTANTIALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THOSE U. S. HAD EXPRESSED, USTINOV REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. JOHNSON

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